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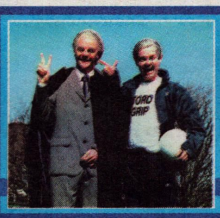

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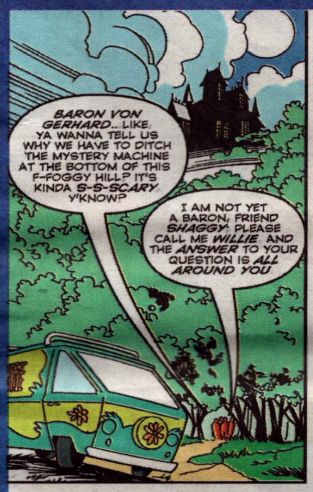

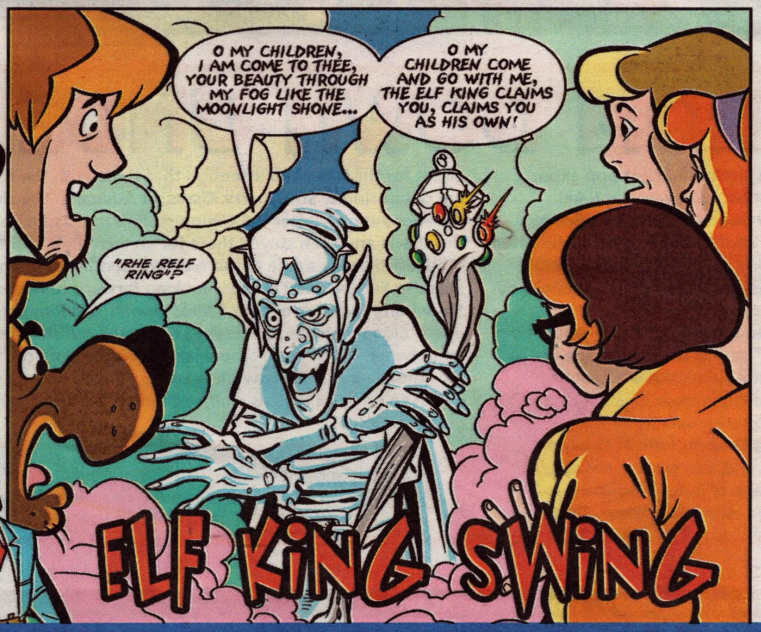

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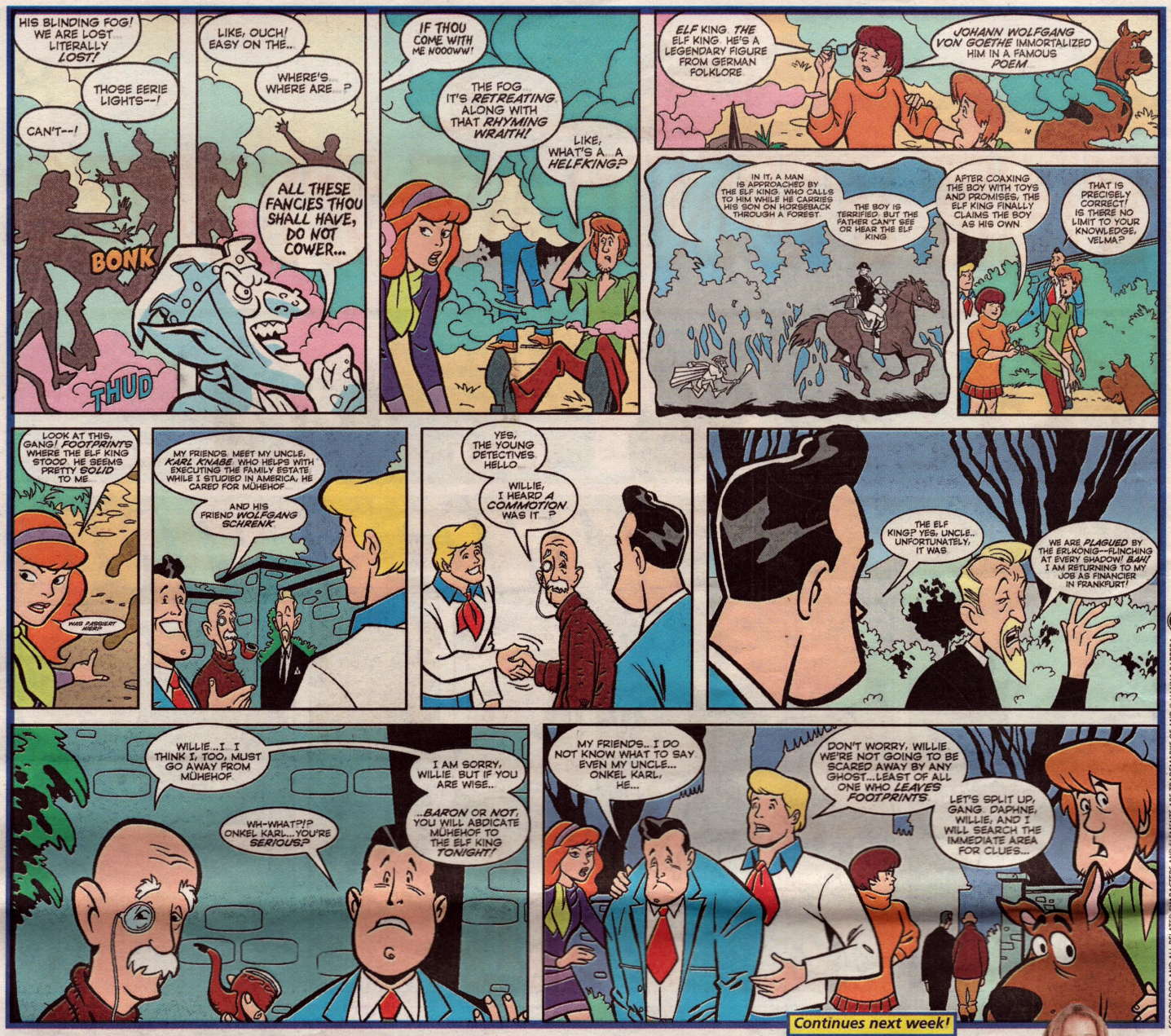

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FRESH FROM DOWN UNDER!

Holly Valance and Kylie Minogue are Australia's hottest pop exports, but there's another name to add to that list... 15-year-old Nikki Webster. Despite her age, Nikki already has a CV that's overflowing with achievements. The Aussie warbler shot to fame down under after she performed at the opening and closing ceremonies of the 2000 Sydney Olympics. And now Nikki is following in her idols' footsteps by releasing a record over here.

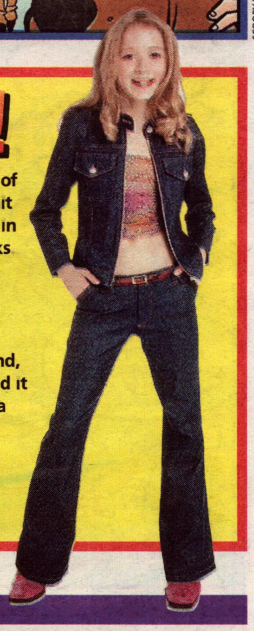
"It was beyond my wildest dreams when I found out that I would be performing at the Olympic ceremonies," recalls Nikki. Plus, she got to share the stage with her all-time favourite singer, Kylie Minogue. "Singing with Kylie was an unbelievable experience. She's such a beautiful person and we've remained in touch ever since.

Hopefully we're going to meet up while I'm over here in London," smiles Nikki. "She's very down to earth and told me just to enjoy it."

Nikki began her showbiz career at the age of four – appearing in TV commercials and landing a cameo role in Home and Away. So, she was all set for the fame and attention that came with the release of her debut single, Strawberry Kisses, in Australia. The single hit the shops shortly after the Olympics. It reached number two in the charts and then stayed there for an incredible eight weeks.

"The fact that my single did so well inspired me to bring my music to Europe and I'm really looking forward to releasing Strawberry Kisses over here," Nikki reveals. But looming international popstardom doesn't mean she can shirk her schoolwork. "I still go to school when I can, and if I can't attend, my school e-mails all my work to me, so there's no escape. And it all has to be in on time as well – even being in London is not a good enough excuse!"

Next week in Funday: Nikki's fight with Michael Jackson and how she owned the most expensive jeans in Oz!



Will the gang solve the elf mystery? Find out next week!

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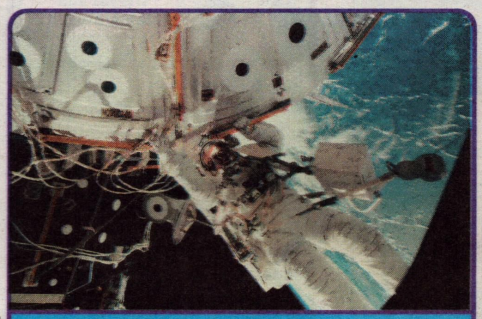
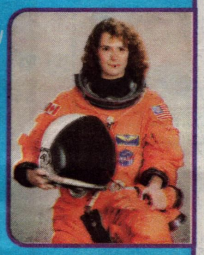


Action station

Canadian astronaut Julie Payette was a member of the International Space Station crew who helped create the amazing new IMAX film – Space Station 3D. Funday asks the astronaut about life in orbit



What was your mission while you were being filmed in space?
I was part of the crew who brought pieces of the IMAX camera system up to space during mission STS-96 in the spring of 1999. We did not actually use the camera in space. We were the first crew to bring equipment and supplies to the brand new International Space Station. At the time of our mission, the station was basically empty and uninhabited.
Which part of Space Station 3D impressed you?
I was immediately impressed by how real the images felt. There are great shots of how we live, eat and sleep in microgravity and the images of space walking are breathtaking. The sequences of the launch of the Russian rockets and of the Space Shuttle are unbelievable and viewers are guaranteed to feel the rumble and the power of take-off.
Which was harder, training to be an astronaut or learning to use an IMAX camera?
Actually, learning to be a film-maker and a photographer is all part of astronaut training, because we are the only ones on board available to do the job!
What everyday task is the hardest thing to master when you are in space?
To fly! Or to be more precise, to fly gracefully without hitting walls, equipment and colleagues as we go by. In space, moving about takes a completely different meaning. You need to push off some structure to get moving and we use our arms and hands much more than our legs to direct the motion. In fact, astronauts do not wear shoes in space, just socks!

Space Station 3D is showing at IMAX cinemas in London, Bristol, Birmingham and Bradford. For details, click on www.imax.com/spacestation

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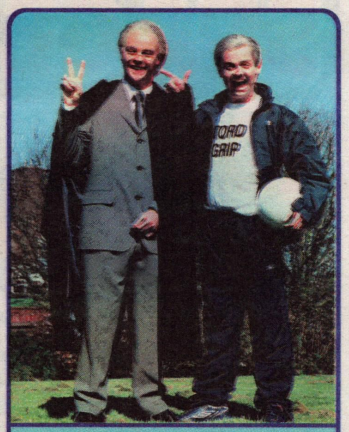
Frog frenzy

Today is National Frog Day and to celebrate, Sheila Crown, from Baydon, Wiltshire, is opening Britain's first ever frog museum – FrogsGalore. Sheila has been collecting ornamental frogs since 1979 and has more than 10,000. Sheila's obsession began after visiting a display in Holland and soon afterwards she became an avid collector. "They were over-running the house though," she explains. "I couldn't put a cup of coffee down without disturbing 85 frogs." For more info, click on www.FrogsGalore.com



Ball boys

Ant & Dec have been chosen to sing England's official World Cup song. "Being England fans, it is an opportunity we couldn't turn down," says Ant. "Obviously our previous crimes against music weren't taken into account when they were passing judgement!" The sing-along We're On The Ball has a chucklesome video in which Ant & Dec disguise themselves as Sven-Goran Eriksson and Tord Grip. The two also dress up as Becks and David Seaman. The cheeky duo are set for a chart battle with Pop Idol Will Young as We're On The Ball is out on May 27 – the same day as Will's Light My Fire!

Join the den

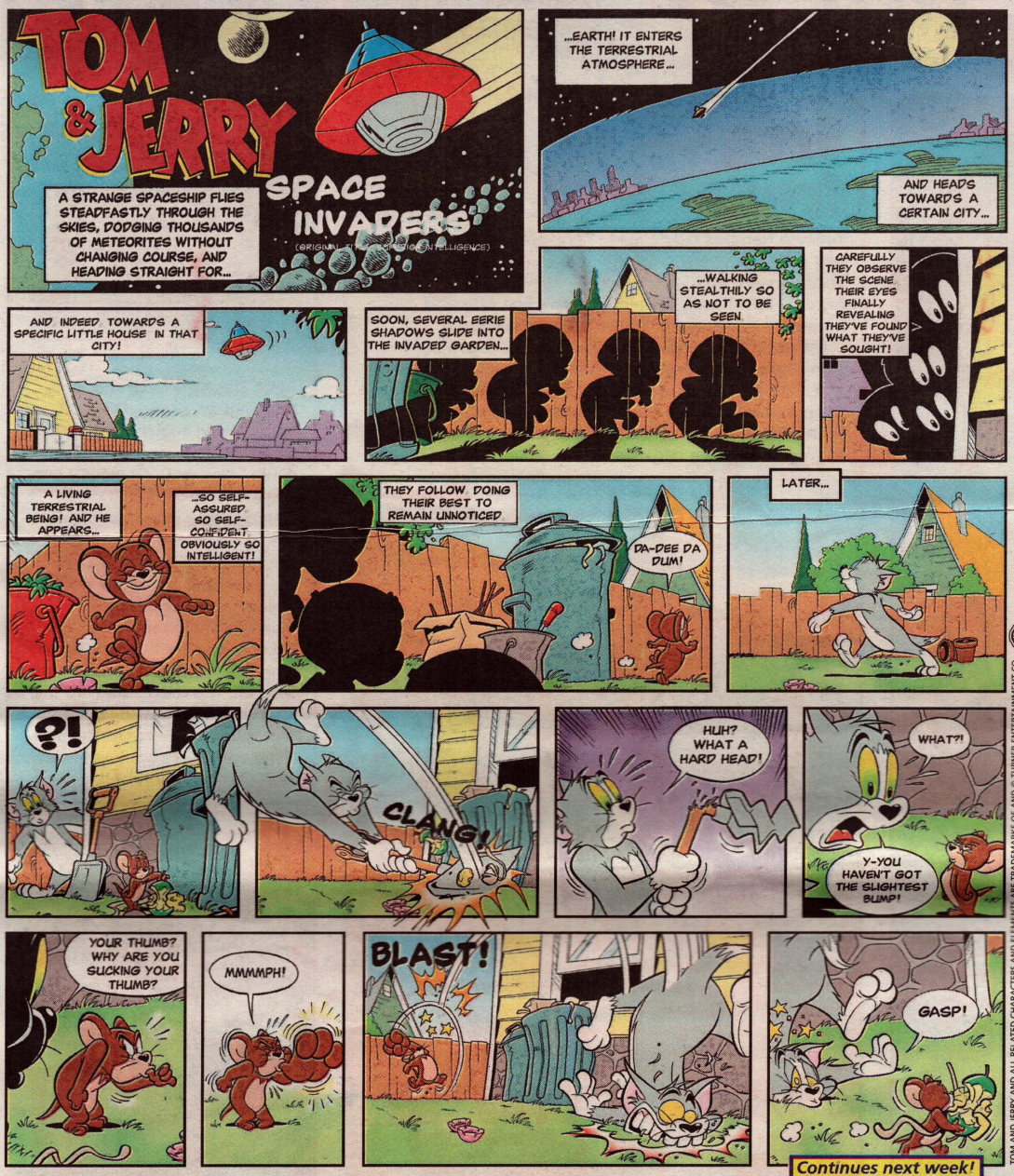
Junior cricket fans can enjoy this summer's Test matches with like-minded youngsters in their own kids-only enclosure. The new npower Lion's Den, launched by England captain Nasser Hussain and SM:TV presenter Tess Daly, will hold up to 800 kids for each Test against Sri Lanka and India. As well as watching the action, young spectators will get to roar for England with the Pride Side mascots of Shen, Maxie, Widget and Little M. "We need to encourage our next generation of fans and players to love the games," Nasser tells Funday. For more information, click on www.theprideside.com

Final fantasy?

Final Fantasy X – the 10th instalment in the epic game series – is set for release on PlayStation 2 on May 31. The Final Fantasy titles, set in the mythical world of Spira, have sold an incredible 38m copies worldwide since they first appeared in 1990 – turning their Japanese creators into national heroes. "This is the first time we have come to Europe. It's fantastic to see how people respond to Final Fantasy," FFX producer Shinji Hashimoto tells Funday during his recent visit to London. "Whereas, in Japan, we are asked about the technical aspects of the game, in Europe, people want to know about us and where we get the inspiration from. They are much more interested in how we feel."

SPACE INVADERS

TOM AND JERRY



Continues next week!

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BRAINBOX

I'm Brainbox – the Funday boffin! Send in a puzzling question you want to know the answer to and see if my friends and I can answer it

How is it that toothpaste comes out all stripy?
Jennifer Thompson, 13, via e-mail

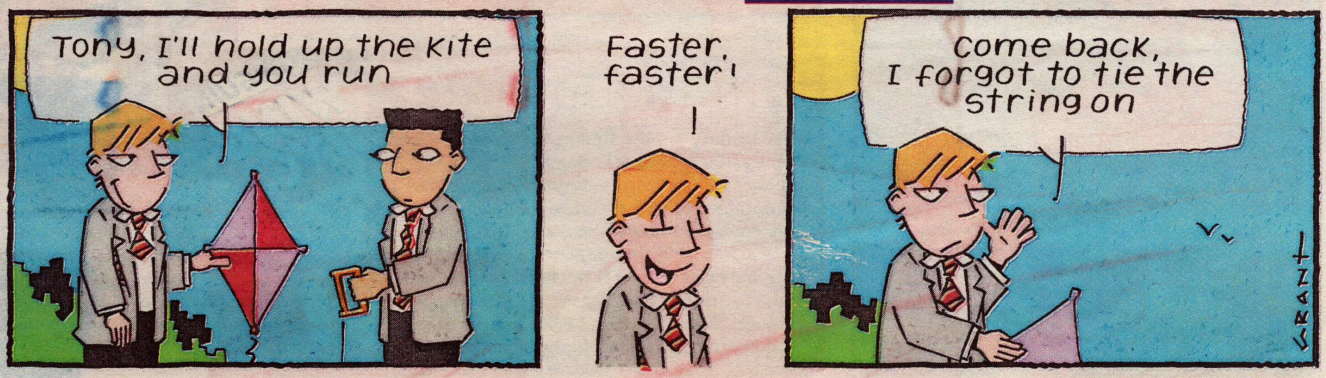
It is quite a complex process involving special formulations, filling equipment and even a special toothpaste tube. The Aquafresh factory makes the different coloured stripes separately and then puts each colour into its own vat. Each of the vats is a huge stainless steel container. From each separate vat the coloured stripes are pumped through pipes to the filling machines at carefully controlled speeds and pressures. At the filling machine, the stripes

are brought together with the white toothpaste in the correct proportions. Then all three are pumped into the toothpaste tube to form perfect stripes all the way through.

Answer from Aquafresh

If you have a question for Brainbox, write to: Brainbox, The Funday Times, PO Box 495, London E98 1ST or e-mail brainbox@sunday-times.co.uk

Jarvis



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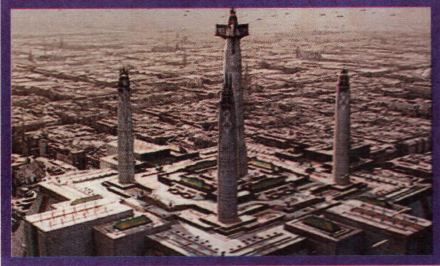
If you don't know the answer, then ask Brainbox!

"Hey M8 !
Have YOU seen
my BIG ugly
BUTT ?"
PENGUIN
WING DINGS
PENGUIN SHAPED BISCUITS HALF COVERED IN MILK CHOCOLATE
New!

FEEL THE FORCE

Star Wars: Episode II – Attack Of The Clones is released on Thursday, but today Funday reveals the secrets of the Jedi!

Obi-Wan wears the traditional Jedi robes and leather utility belt, which holds his lightsabre, food and energy capsules and a Comlink pouch. His long hair is also traditional for a Jedi Knight.



Jedi Temple

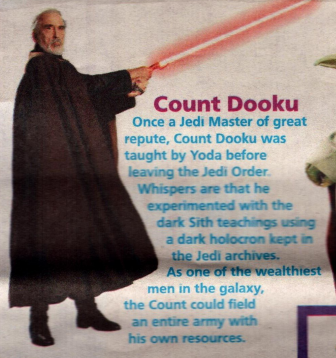
The Jedi Temple on Coruscant has served as the training ground and home base of the Jedi Knights for millennia. At the temple, Jedi learn the ways of the Force – a mystical energy field created by all living things. More than 9,000 fully trained Jedi are scattered throughout the galaxy, with a further 200 available at the Jedi Temple for emergency missions.

Jedi training

Jedi begin their lifelong training when they are recognised as gifted children. They accept a life of dedication and self-sacrifice to become diplomat-warriors. As initiates, they train together until they are accepted as Padawans, or apprentice learners. They must then face the Trials to become Jedi Knights, who are in turn allowed to train to earn the title of Jedi Master.

Mace Windu

A Form VII instructor, Mace Windu is one of the best living lightsabre fighters in the Jedi Order. Only high-level masters of multiple forms can achieve and control Form VII. Alongside Yoda, he is a senior member of the Jedi Council.



Count Dooku

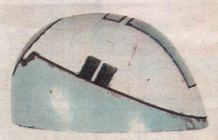
Once a Jedi Master of great repute, Count Dooku was taught by Yoda before leaving the Jedi Order. Whispers are that he experimented with the dark Sith teachings using a dark holocron kept in the Jedi archives. As one of the wealthiest men in the galaxy, the Count could field an entire army with his own resources.

The Sith use synthetic lightsabre crystals, which generate a stronger blade when energised by the dark side of the Force. The advantages are minimal, and the red blade is a sign of hateful power.

Yoda

Yoda is the sole member of the governing Jedi Council to recognise the present danger of Jedi complacency. He has never revealed his home world, and his species is rarely seen anywhere in the galaxy. Yoda's capabilities with the Force give him amazing strength and speed, as well as the ability to levitate. Such is his power that he rarely uses his lightsabre in combat.

Young initiates wear helmets that mask their vision, training them to "see" the Force. They use a training lightsabre with a low power safety generator.



Padawan Anakin Skywalker

Anakin is a 20-year-old Jedi Padawan or apprentice Jedi. He is recognisable as a Padawan by his short hair and learner braid. The tunics, robes and clocks worn by Jedi are honoured traditions, but not uniforms. From the time they become Padawan, Jedi are free to dress as they choose. Anakin breaks with tradition with his garments, both in their colour and material. His distinctive dark clothing makes him stand out at the Jedi Temple and draws concern from Jedi elders.

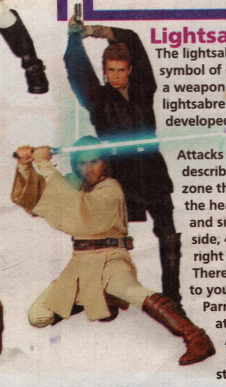
Most Jedi Padawans build their lightsabres to resemble those of their masters, as a gesture of respect. Anakin constructed his own lightsabre while in a trance-like state, resulting in a design that favours maximum strength.

Jedi moves

Jung: 180° turn
Jung Ma: 360° spin to gain power for an attack
Sai: Force-assisted jump to evade an attack to the legs
Shun: One-handed grip, spinning lightsabre 360° to gain speed for attack

Jedi Knight Obi-Wan Kenobi

Obi-Wan Kenobi trains the Jedi apprentice Anakin Skywalker. Kenobi specialises in Form III lightsabre combat, which maximises defensive protection. Invented ages ago when blaster weapons first became common in the hands of Jedi enemies, Form III began as high-speed laserblast deflection training. Over the centuries, it has been refined into an expression of non-aggressive Jedi philosophy. A double-handed grip offers him full sabre control.



Lightsabre combat

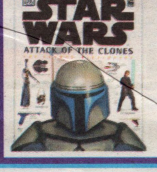
The lightsabre is a powerful symbol of discipline as well as a weapon. Seven forms of lightsabre combat have been developed.

Attacks and parries are described in terms of the body zone they concern. Zone 1 is the head, 2 – the right arm and side, 3 – the left arm and side, 4 – the back, 5 – the right leg and 6 – the left leg. Therefore Attack 1 is a blow to your opponent's head, Parry 4 is a block of an attack to your back [see Anakin, left]. Obi-Wan is demonstrating a drop stance Parry 1.

Jedi archives

Knowledge has been a key source of Jedi power for thousands of years. It is considered one of the three pillars of Jedi strength, along with the Force and self-discipline. The great archives library in the Jedi Temple safeguards the accumulated knowledge gathered by millions of individuals over hundreds of generations. Most of this information is stored in holobooks. However, the ancient Jedi Holocrons [shown] transcend the capabilities of holobooks. They are imbued with perpetual subtle power, can only be used by Jedi with extra-sensory abilities, and hold the teachings of great Jedi Knights and Masters.

The blue lightsabre blade generated via traditional Jedi crystals is more manoeuvrable but slightly less powerful than a blade using synthetic Sith crystals.



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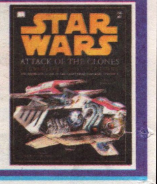

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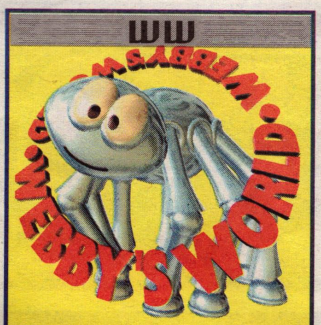

disney.go.com/disneypictures/liloandstitch

The hilarious trailers for Disney's Lilo & Stitch on this website have had the Funday office in ... er, stitches. Beauty & the Beast, Aladdin and The Little Mermaid all suffer at the hands of Stitch, the mischievous escapee alien. We can hardly wait for the film to crash land at cinemas in October.

www.dsuper.net/~zaz/icecream/frame

Summer is the perfect excuse to scoff ice-cream. This tasty site has more than 40 recipes, with flavours ranging from rhubarb to pumpkin and butterscotch. It even has a special recipe for fried ice-cream! All the recipes can be made without an ice-cream maker but remember, as it's a US site, it uses quarts. Scrumptious!

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If you are a webhead and have discovered a great site, or have created one of your own, spin me a mail and tell me all about it on webby@sunday-times.co.uk

FRESH!

2002 FIFA WORLD CUP ✪✪✪✪✪

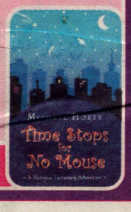
Footie games are of such a high standard these days that they only really stand out if they're as bad as Leicester City's Premiership form! 2002 Fifa World Cup has all the features that we expect – crowd noises, numerous game formats, replays and authentic squads. Its responsive game play puts it up there with the other games kicking around for the top spot and will whip you up nicely into a World Cup frenzy. Also available on PlayStation 2 and PC CD-Rom.

PSONE

TIME STOPS FOR NO MOUSE

Michael Hoeye ✪✪✪✪✪

Time Stops For No Mouse is a hard book to pin down – it's a murder-mystery, a comic caper and it stars talking rodents! It sounds like a muddle of a read but once you adjust to its mix of genres, it's full of charm and the thrilling story has pace. The book also has a great reluctant hero in Hermux – a mouse watchmaker – who becomes entangled in a deadly plot to steal a secret formula that holds the key to eternal beauty. Take time to read it!



BOOK

ASTRO JAX ✪✪✪✪✪

When you first pick up Astro Jax, you find yourself thinking, "How are these three foam balls attached to a piece of string going to keep me amused?" But, be assured, Astro Jax will have you hypnotised as you try to master the tricks and moves that include Shuttle, Black Hole and Reflector. Astro Jax is best described as a fast motion yo-yo that can spin horizontally as well as vertically. It's a new craze that's gathering pace quickly! For stockists, click on www.astrojax.co.uk

NEW CRAZE

Beryl's in double trouble!

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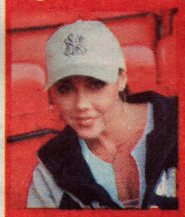
BUZZ!

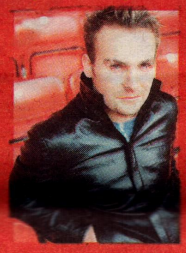
PREMIER LEAGUE

As Liberty X look poised to become chart champions with their new single, Just A Little, Dave Coombs joins the band on a guided tour of Manchester United's Old Trafford stadium



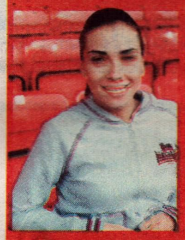
MICHELLE

Do you like football ... just a little or rather a lot?
I like footballers rather a lot! But I like football itself just a little bit.
Who is your favourite footballer?
David Beckham – for his skills and his looks.
Which football team do you support?
Newcastle United, ever since I can remember.
Which famous person should get a red card and why?
Richard Bacon, because when we first went on The Big Breakfast he wasn't very pleasant and was very sarcastic.
When it comes to a competition, do you play foul or fair?
Fairly. I'm not one to kick people to get the ball but I'm not a push-over either. If I have to be rough, I'll be rough.
If Liberty X were to have a team mascot, what would it be?
We have one, called Wesley. It's a little green ball with two eyes. When you squeeze it, it giggles and makes a noise.



KEVIN

Do you like football ... just a little or rather a lot?
Rather a lot. When I was younger I played for Lancashire and the North of England, but I gave it up because I wanted to sing.
Who's your favourite footballer?
Michael Owen because he plays for Liverpool, my favourite team, and because he's probably one of the best strikers in the world.
Which famous person should get a red card and why?
Daphne and Celeste, because we did a tour with them and they were not very nice people.
When it comes to competition, do you play foul or fair?
If it's something I'm good at, I'll play fair, although I might play foul for fun. But if it's something I know I can't win, I play foul. And with board games, I always cheat. My hands are always in the bank when I'm playing Monopoly!
Based on this week's behaviour, who in Liberty X deserves relegation and why?
Michelle, because she keeps saying that she's being picked on the most by everyone, when it has blatantly been me.

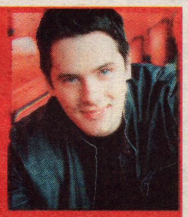


JESSICA

Do you like football ... just a little or rather a lot?
Just a little.
Who's your favourite footballer?
David Ginola, for his beautiful eyes, and I think he's a good footballer too ... although I'm not quite sure!
What other sports do you like to watch on TV?
I like watching ice skating because I used to skate myself. And I watch athletics when the Olympics are on.
When it comes to competition, do you play foul or fair?
Fairly – but I play to win. I wouldn't ever cheat but I give it my all.
Based on this week's behaviour, who in Liberty X deserves relegation and why?
Tony – for dropping so many clangers in interviews. It's been highly amusing but I think he's letting his mouth run away with him a bit!

Michelle and Jessica find David Beckham's dressing area

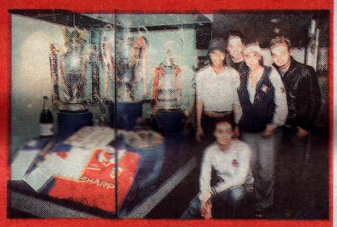
TONY



Do you like football ... just a little, or rather a lot?
Just a little – because, when I was about 15, I started doing every activity known to man. I did basketball, orchestra, school musicals, Irish dancing, hockey, football, swimming and tennis. Plus, I did extra classes after school to help with my exams, so I really, really didn't have the time to watch football.
Who's your favourite footballer?
Roy Keane because he's a brilliant captain. He drives Manchester United and he drives Ireland as well.
Which famous person should get a red card and why?
Mariah Carey. I met her at SM:TV and she takes herself too seriously.
When it comes to competition, do you play foul or fair?
Always fair. There's no point in cheating because the fun in a game is to see how good you are at it. Kevin cheats at everything and it drives me mad.
Based on this week's behaviour, who in Liberty X deserves relegation and why?
Me – for dropping so many clangers in interviews. Or all three of the girls for behaving like divas this week.

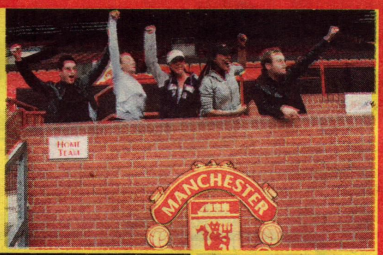
KELLY

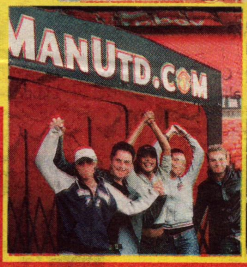
Do you like football ... just a little or rather a lot?
Just a little. I do like it when the England World Cup games are on though.
What other sports do you like to watch on TV?
Athletics, apart from the long-distance running, and also darts – believe it or not!
If you could give someone famous a red card, who would get it and why?
If it was for fashion crime, it would be Christina Aguilera. Her voice is fabulous but her fashion sense is terrible.
When it comes to competition, do you play foul or fair?
Fair. I'm like Monica from Friends, I always want everyone to play by the rules and do it fairly. Although I always want to win.
Based on this week's behaviour, who in Liberty X deserves relegation and why?
Tony, because he's been naughty in interviews and generally misbehaving.

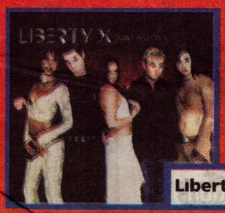


TAKE A TOUR

If you'd like to tour Manchester United's famous Theatre Of Dreams stadium in Old Trafford, just like Liberty X, visit www.manutd.com or call 0161 868 8631 for more information. The tour includes the glittering trophy room, the players' dressing rooms, the team dugout, the Manchester United museum and a trip through the famous players' tunnel.







Liberty X's new single, Just A Little, is out tomorrow

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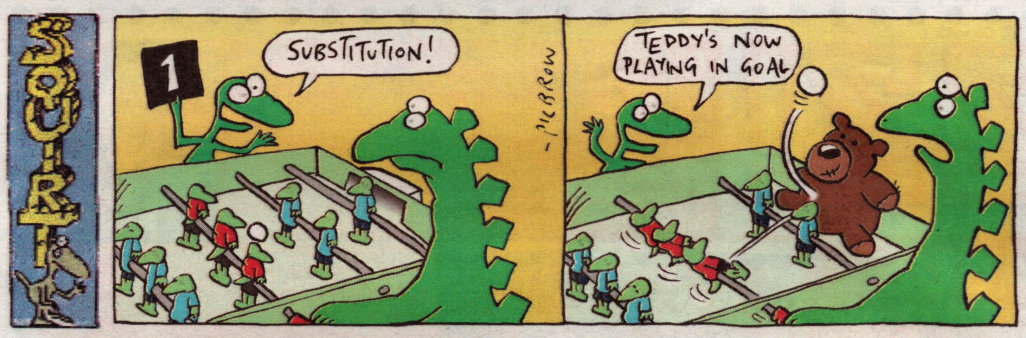

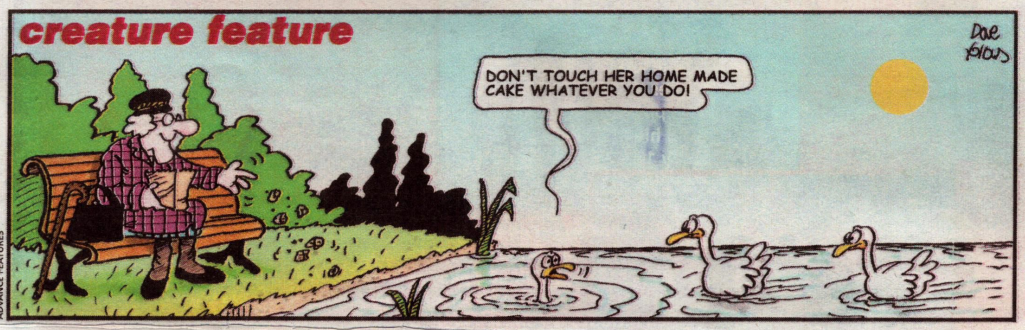

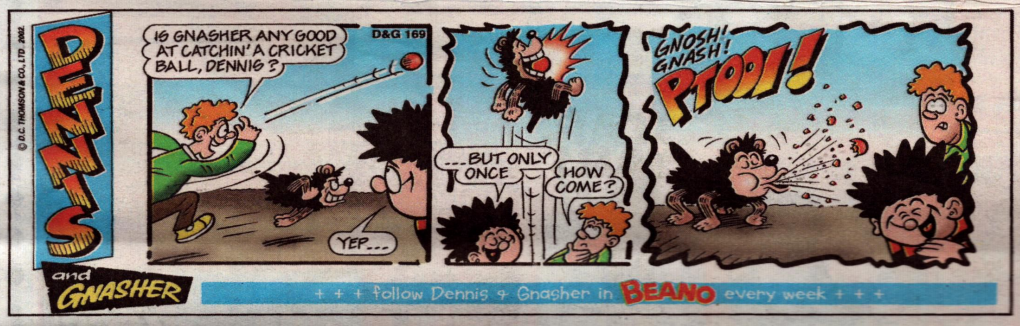

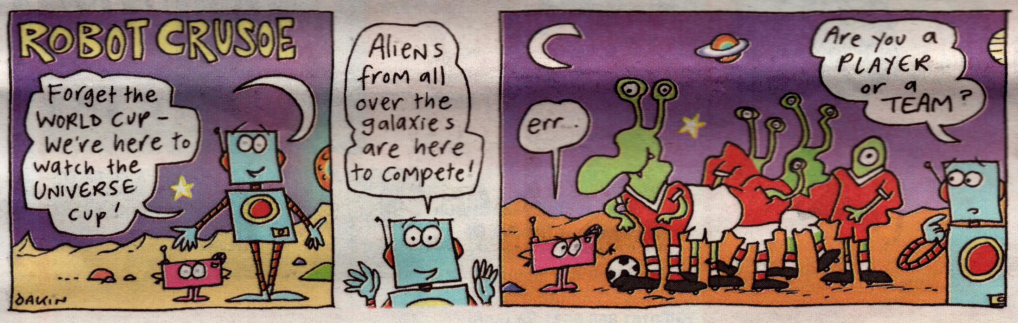

WHO'S HOT?

This week saw the launch of the Disney Channel Kids Awards 2002 and, once again, Funday is sponsoring the trophy for the best newcomer on planet pop. Previous winners include Atomic Kitten and Hear'Say, and this year's nominees look set to become just as successful. Who do you think deserves to pick up the Funday Times Newcomer award in 2002? The nominees are:

- Holly Valance
- H and Claire
- 3SL
- Omero Mumba
- S Club Juniors
- Michelle Branch
- Kym Marsh

As always with the Disney Channel Kids Awards, you get to select the winners! Voting forms will be available from July 1, so keep reading Funday to find out how to take part. We'll also keep you up to date with how you can get tickets for the final on October 5, in London!
Other award categories this year include: Act of the Year, Best Dance Act, Best Footballer, Favourite TV Star, Best Film, Best Male Group/Artist, Best Female Group/Artist, and Favourite Food.

f-mail

Send your letters, cartoons, jokes and drawings to: The Funday Times, PO Box 5073, Leighton Buzzard LU7 7GX. Send your e-mail to: funday.times@sunday-times.co.uk

FRUITY FUN

Capri-Sun is bursting into shops in five fruity flavours: Blackcurrant, Orange, Tropical, Wild Berries and Strawberry.
In May, Capri-Sun is giving away funky limited edition door hangers called Door-Dudes. Each features a member of the Planet Juice Crew, including Wicked Orange and Crazy Blackcurrant. Check them out on the Capri-Sun website at www.planetjuice.co.uk.
The star f-mail writer will receive a Game Boy Advance and a Capri-Sun kit containing a pencil case, mouse-mat, lunch-box, bag, pen, a 10-pack of Capri-Sun and a set of Door-Dudes.
The other f-mailers will receive a Capri-Sun kit.

STAR

Dear f-mail,
I thought f-mail readers might be interested in this sign I spotted outside a park in San Francisco. I think there should be more signs like this around Britain!
Rhiannon Handy, 10, Bishops Stortford

Why are some teachers cross-eyed?
Because they can't control their pupils!

What has a long neck and smells nice?
A giraff-odil!

Peter Muldrew, 11, Lisburn

Kyle Coombes, 11, Somerset

Even Robot has football fever!

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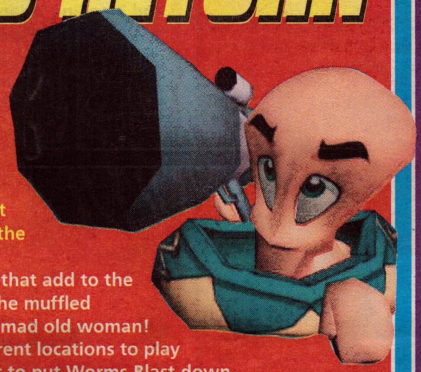
WIN IT!

COMPETITION ADDRESS Send answers to all competitions to us at: The Funday Times, PO Box 5073, Leighton Buzzard LU95 1AY. Competition deadline: May 22

You can e-mail your competition answers to: funday.comps@sunday-times.co.uk
Sorry, but only one e-mail per entrant will be accepted

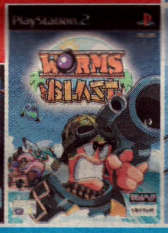
WORMS RETURN



Those naughty little wrigglers are back with Worms Blast – out now on PC CD-Rom and PlayStation 2.
The game features the usual twisted humour and classic game-play [plus a barmy arsenal that includes an ancient sea monster!] associated with the manic Worms series.
Worms Blast's crazy characters that add to the comic mayhem include Rocky the muffled concrete donkey and Ethel the mad old woman!
What's more, with lots of different locations to play in, we are sure you won't want to put Worms Blast down.
Ubi Soft is offering one reader a PlayStation 2, a copy of the game and a goody bag including a Worm Farm and a set of Virtual Paintball guns. Plus, 10 lucky runners-up will receive a Worms Blast game, a goody bag and a Virtual Paintball gun.

To enter, tell us what Rocky the donkey is made from.

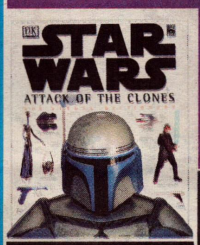
Mark your entry WORMS and send it, with your name, age and address, to the competition address above.



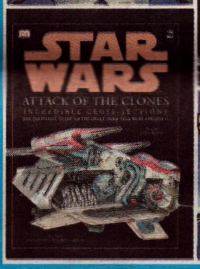
STAR MOVIE

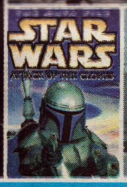
Star Wars: Episode II – Attack Of The Clones is the latest movie in the epic Star Wars series. It is set 10 years after the events of Episode I – The Phantom Menace and hits the cinema screens on May 16 – 25 years after the original Star Wars was released.
Funday is offering 25 readers a mega Star Wars prize, including Dorling Kindersley books – Star Wars Attack Of The Clones Incredible Cross-Sections, Star Wars Attack Of The Clones The Visual Dictionary and Star Wars Attack Of The Clones Funfax.
Winners also receive a Lego Jedi Starfighter and a Star Wars goody bag, which includes a T-shirt, a limited edition poster and a key-ring.

To enter, tell us the name of the director of Star Wars Episode II.



Mark your entry ATTACK and send it, with your name, age and address, to the competition address above.



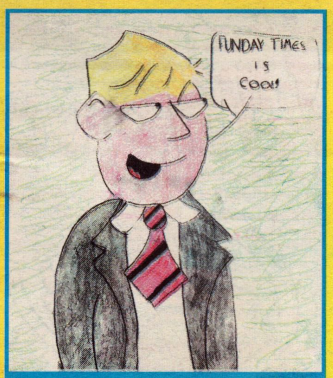


Normal TNL competition rules apply to all Funday Times competitions

Dear f-mail,
I am writing to you to say how ignorant and lazy people are who park their car in disabled spaces. Those spaces are clearly marked for use by people with disabilities, but I see some people outside shopping centres [with no disability] who swing freely into disabled places. On one occasion, I politely told a woman who I saw parking in a disabled place that the space was for the disabled but she gave me quite a rude response saying: "How dare you".
Those spaces are for those who have more difficult and uncomfortable lives than the rest of us. So please, walk the extra few metres.
Christopher Greene, 14, via e-mail

William Morris, 6, Liverpool

Dear f-mail,
I would like to recommend a book to readers – The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis. It is about a girl's life under the unfair and sexist Taliban rule. Parvana must dress as a boy to even go outside – as the Taliban violently enforce the rule that females may not be allowed out without a male companion. The Breadwinner is an extremely moving story that helps us to understand the situation in Afghanistan.
Sarah Ventress, 12, Kent



Patrick Henderson, 12, Chislehurst

Star Wars: Episode II – Attack Of The Clones opens on Thursday – don't forget to send us your reviews!

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SPORT

KATIE CHAPMAN

England's national women's football team face a crunch World Cup qualifier against Germany next Sunday, as they try to reach the 2003 World Cup in China. Fulham Ladies and England centre-half Katie Chapman is one of the young stars in the improving side

Katie, how has your season with Fulham gone?
Great, especially with winning both the FA Cup and the Southern Division. We are now in the National Division of the Premier League next season – so, it couldn't have gone any better. Having been up there with Millwall, I know what's it's like and I know we can compete at the top.

The game against Germany is a top-of-the-group clash – are you looking forward to it?
There will be a great atmosphere and, fingers crossed, we will get a lot of people down to see us at Selhurst Park. Everyone is up for the game, just speaking to my team-mates at Fulham – Rachel Unitt and Rachel Yankey – they're all excited. It's England versus Germany which I think is always special. We haven't beaten them yet so that gives an extra something to the game.

It's a must-win game isn't it?
I don't think we can overtake Germany at the top of the group but if we win we can get into the play-offs. The Germans are very physical, skilful and fast, but we love playing the top teams. We'll give it our all.

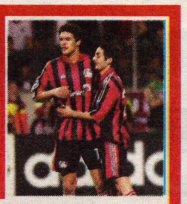
What was that like to score your first international goal against Holland recently?
It was just fantastic. I didn't know how to celebrate after I scored and just ran around the pitch screaming! I have been wanting to score for ages. Playing at centre-half, I don't usually get that many opportunities, so I really enjoyed it.

You have 20 caps for England. In which of those games do you think you gave your most impressive performance?
Last year, in the Algarve Cup against the USA. We lost 2-0 but I had a great game and the whole team competed with the USA. They are so strong, though, and didn't field their first team.

You can watch England v Germany, next Sunday, live on Sky Sports 1 [kick-off 4pm]

SPORT NEWS

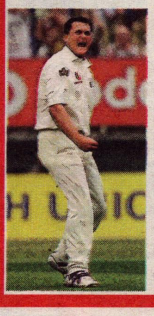
Funday picks out the best of this week's sporting action



Wednesday European Cup final, Bayer Leverkusen v Real Madrid, Hampden Park

The world's biggest club competition reaches its finale. Thanks to the midfield talents of Luis Figo and Zinedine Zidane, Real Madrid will start as overwhelming favourites but the Spanish club should beware of Bayer's own midfield duo of Yildiray Basturk and Michael Ballack [pictured]. The game is live on ITV1 from 7.30pm.

Thursday First Test, England v Sri Lanka, Lord's



England will be looking to build on their moderately successful winter tour of India and New Zealand this summer. For paceman Darren Gough it's a chance to re-establish himself as England's number-one bowler after deciding to miss part of the Test series in New Zealand. The game is live on Channel 4, with highlights on Sky Sports 3.

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JUMP AROUND

Bouncing about on a trampoline not only means fun in the fresh air, it can improve your fitness levels too. So how about having one in your back garden?

Trampoline manufacturer AirBounce is offering one winner the Airbourne 14 deluxe trampoline and fun ring [a safety device that keeps the jumper in the middle of the trampoline]. Be warned, it's a big prize [with a 4m diameter!], so you must have room for it!

To check stockists, call 0800 783 5084 and to view the trampolines click on www.AirBounce.co.uk

To enter, tell us what a baby kangaroo is called.

Mark your entry JUMP and send it, with your name, age and address, to the competition address on page 11.

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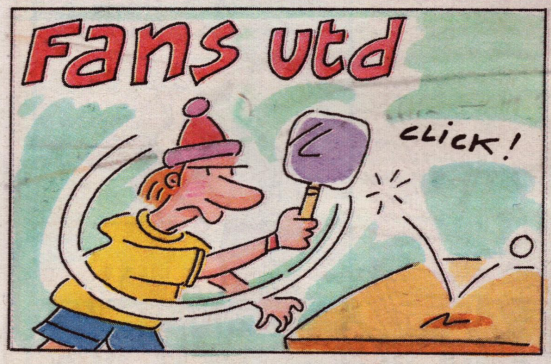

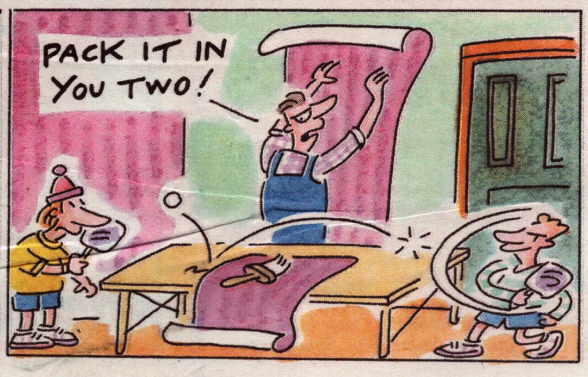

A winning finish!